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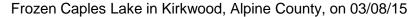


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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - National

Suspect Charged in Shooting of Police Officers in Ferguson, Missouri

(Reuters) A 20-year-old man was charged on Sunday with first-degree assault in last week's shooting of two policemen during a protest rally in Ferguson, Missouri, a crime that shocked a city that has been devastated by months of racial strife. The suspect, Jeffrey L. Williams, has admitted to firing the shots that wounded the officers early on Thursday, said St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch. The gunfire rang out just after midnight at the end of a rally to call for sweeping reforms in Ferguson, where an unarmed black 18-year-old was shot to death by a white officer last summer. Williams was arrested after a massive manhunt, with the help of tips from the public and video evidence, McCulloch told a news conference. An African American who had been on probation for possession of stolen property, Williams told investigators that he was not targeting police but was shooting at someone else, McCulloch said. A 41-year-old county police officer suffered a shoulder wound and a 32-year-old from a nearby police department sustained a facial wound in Thursday's shooting. Both were treated and released by a local hospital.

Americans Exposed to Ebola Patient Return from Africa for Monitoring

(CNN) Three more American aid worker who were exposed to Ebola in Sierra Leone are due to arrive back in the United States on Monday for monitoring. None of them are sick or known to be infected with the disease. Eight of their colleagues have already been flown back to the United States where health authorities are watching them closely for signs of the disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The returning workers are clinicians for Partners in Health, a Boston-based aid group. They are showing no symptoms of Ebola, but all had contact with a colleague who's been diagnosed with the disease and is being treated at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. While in West Africa, the workers "came to the aid of their ailing colleague," according to a Partners in Health statement. As the CDC investigates who else might have had contact with the Ebola patient, more workers might be flown back to the United States, according to Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the CDC. The workers are being housed near hospitals that specialize in treating Ebola patients, and if they show signs of the disease, they'll be admitted as patients.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - International

Filipino Troops Capture Militant who Coddled Terror Suspects

(AP) Philippine troops have captured the leader of a Muslim rebel group in the south who has been linked to bombings and a beheading and accused of protecting two terror suspects wanted by the United States, officials said Monday. Army and police forces arrested Mohammad Ali Tambako and five of his men late Sunday while the militants were traveling in a motorcycle sidecar taxi to a seaport in southern General Santos city. Three grenades and two guns were seized from the militants, who did not put up a fight, according to a police report. Tambako, who formed the group Justice for Islamic Movement with about 70 armed fighters last year, has been suspected by the military of giving refuge in his southern stronghold to top Malaysian terror suspect Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as Marwan, and long-wanted Filipino bombing suspect Abdul Basit Usman.

Afghan Army Says Kills 10 Militants Affiliated with Islamic State

(Reuters) Afghan security forces have killed 10 fighters who claimed to be from Islamic State (IS) in Afghanistan, officials said, amid reports that growing numbers of disgruntled Taliban fighters have joined the militant group that controls much of Syria and Iraq. Defense ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said the militants were all associated with the Islamic State, known in Afghanistan as "Daesh". They were killed in an operation in the southern province of Helmand on Sunday. The government identified one of the militants as Hafiz Wahidi, the nephew and successor of Mullah Abdul Rauf, a veteran militant killed last month in a drone strike. Officials say Rauf, a former Guantanamo Bay detainee, had also defected from the Taliban and called himself the leader of the Islamic State in Helmand. Reports of Taliban fighters switching sides to IS in recent months have raised concerns in war-weary Afghanistan, though there is little evidence of any operational ties between the fighters and the group's leadership.

Hundreds of Thousands March to Ask Brazil President's Ouster

(AP) Hundreds of thousands of Brazilians marched peacefully Sunday in more than 50 cities around the country to demand President Dilma Rousseff's impeachment and to criticize government corruption amid a sprawling graft inquiry at state-run oil firm Petrobras. The biggest of the protests, held on the 30th anniversary of Brazil's return to democracy after a long military regime, took place in Sao Paulo, an opposition stronghold where some 210,000 gathered on a main avenue, according to the polling institute Datafolha, one of the only entities in Brazil that makes scientific crowd estimates. Large rallies were also seen in the capital Brasilia, the southern city of Porto Alegre and in Rio de Janeiro. In Rio, police estimated 15,000 people marched along the golden sands of Copacabana beach, where they waved Brazilian flags and many openly called for a military coup to dissolve the government.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Weather of Concern

· No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Lingering light rain showers are expected to continue across the interior today through Wednesday followed by dry weather on Thursday.

Medford Weather:

The front will wave northward as a warm front today and with some weak instability in the region, showers are possible over much of the forecast area. On Tuesday, an upper trough will push the front eastward and out of the forecast area, bringing with it another shot of precipitation. Wednesday and Thursday will feature ridging, sunshine, and above normal temperatures. Thursday's warmth should be about 10 degrees above seasonal normal. A frontal system will approach the coast on Friday and precipitation chances will increase.

Reno Weather:

Weak disturbances may bring light rain showers at times today through Wednesday, mainly along the central Sierra south of Lake Tahoe. Additional chances of precipitation will occur toward the very end of the week. Above normal temperatures will continue through the week.

San Francisco Weather:

A front stalled across Northern California may generate a few showers across Napa and Sonoma Counties this afternoon and evening; otherwise, the forecast area will see continued partly cloudy and mild weather. High pressure will build Tuesday through Friday with dry and mild weather. The next front approaches Friday night into Saturday with a chance of light rain, but mainly for the North Bay.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Sacramento Weather:

Light precipitation will be possible over the northern third of the forecast area over the next 24 hours while daily showers and a few thunderstorms will be possible across the northern Sierra Tuesday and Wednesday. Next chance of more widespread precipitation will be this weekend.

Hanford Weather:

Today the forecast area will see a slight cooling trend and increased clouds; however, temperatures will remain above normal. There will be a slight chance of mountain and foothill showers and thunderstorms Wednesday afternoon and again on Thursday as an upper level trough moves through. On Friday, the region can expect clearing with a slight chance of showers near Yosemite on Saturday as another trough pushes through the area.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A cooling trend is expected early this week as high pressure weakens but temperatures will be well above normal today. Weak low pressure will bring near normal temperatures, a return of the marine layer, and a slight chance of showers over the mountains by midweek. High pressure will likely result in a warming trend for the second half of the week.

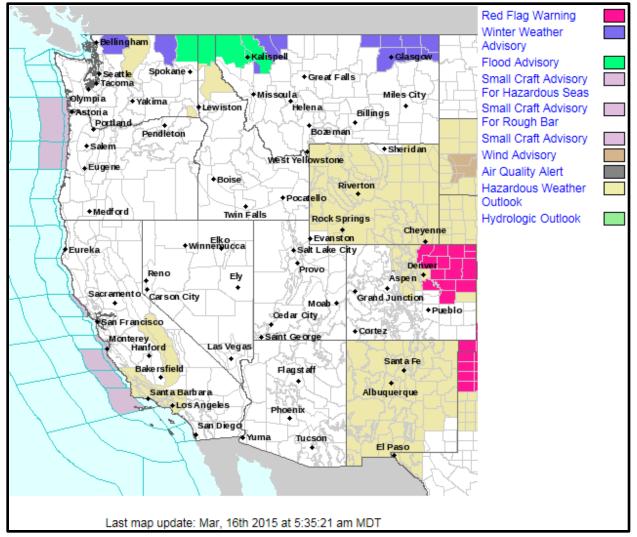
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

High pressure aloft will begin to weaken today and combined with a return of weak onshore flow, slow cooling will develop near the coast. For Tuesday through Thursday, a weak low pressure system will develop near the California coast and move slowly southeastward through Southern California. This will bring cooling, more clouds, and a slight chance of showers, mainly for the mountains on Thursday. For Friday and Saturday, weak high pressure will bring minor warming.

Southeast California Weather:

Well above normal temperatures are expected today as highs once again approach the 90 degree mark in the Lower Deserts. A weak low pressure system will bring elevated rain chances and cloud cover to the region later this week. The best chances for rain will be from late Wednesday into Thursday. Cooler temperatures are anticipated across the entire region although readings will still be above normal for mid-March. High pressure returning to the region will then bring back warmer temperatures and drier weather from this coming weekend into early next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- On 3/11/15, the U.S. Small Business Administration approved a disaster declaration for the primary county of Mono and contiguous counties of Alpine, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, and Tuolumne. IA staff distributed notification letters.
- Recovery Debris Management Coordinator deployed to Mono County for debris management group meeting and site walk-through.



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Costal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur once a month.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on and as needed basis.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.